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SUBJECT: FAA CAAG CHIEF'S REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT

REF : (A) MUSCAT 1226; (B) MUSCAT 1227;
(C) STATE 238118

1. TERMS OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOM AND FAA AND BETWEEN
FAA AND CAAG PERSONNEL, PROVIDE FOR IN-COUNTRY ASSIGNMENT
OF FAA SPECIALIST AND FAMILY. SINCE GOM DECLINED GRANT
NOC FOR MRS. CAKARNIS, FAA NECESSARILY TAKING ACTION TO
REASSIGN CAAG CHIEF CAKARNIS STATESIDE. GOM SHOULD BE
INFORMED THAT ALL COSTS RELATED TO CAKARNIS RETURN AND
THOSE FOR HIS REPLACEMENT TO BE BORNE BY GOM IN ACCORDANCE
WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT. FAA WILL ADVISE EMBASSY WHEN
DOMESTIC ASSIGNMENT DETERMINED AND DATE CAKARNIS SHOULD
DEPART OMAN FOR NEW ASSIGNMENT.

2. FAA WANTS MAKE EMBASSY AWARE THAT BUDGET UNDER
CURRENT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FINANCING FOR ONLY THE
INITIAL 24 MONTH IN-COUNTRY PERIOD WHICH BEGAN WITH
ASSIGNMENT OF WHEATLEY DURING JUNE 1975. PRESENT
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FUNDING UNDER AGREEMENT WILL ALLOW FOR IN-COUNTRY

ASSIGNMENTS OF FAA SPECIALISTS INTO JUNE 1977. IN ORDER ASSIGN SMITH/CAKARNIS REPLACEMENTS TO MINIMUM TOUR IN-COUNTRY, BUDGET ANNEX WILL HAVE TO BE AMENDED PER PARA 8 OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR APPROPRIATE EXTENSION. FAA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRINGING AFOREMENTIONED TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE OMANI OFFICIALS AND ASCERTAINING IF THEY PLAN TO FUND FAA SERVICES BEYOND JUNE 1977. IF SO, FAA WILL PREPARE AMENDED BUDGET ANNEX AND FORWARD TO EMBASSY FOR PRESENTATION.

3. ACTION TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR CAAG CHIEF POSITION HAS BEEN INITIATED. AS EMBASSY AWARE, SEQUENTIAL PROCESS MANDATED FOR FILLING RESIDENT POSITION (SEE PARA 1, REFTEL C) MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT NAME OF INDIVIDUAL CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR DGCA CONSIDERATION BEFORE AT LEAST NINETY DAYS. POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING PERSON IN NE REGION AS EVOKED IN PARA 3, REFTEL B HAS BEEN ELIMINATED BECAUSE POTENTIAL NOMINEE DECLINED. FAA WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

4. AS REGARDS FILLING AIRMAN LICENSING POSITION, FAA NOW PLANS SUBMIT NAME AND BIO-DATA BY NOV. 15. KISSINGER

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